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# VENDETTA

CABERNET SAUVIGNON • SYRAH • MALBEC

2015

## ABOUT THE WINE

The story of VENDETTA begins with [REDACTED]  
Family [REDACTED] only he [REDACTED] in blood  
[REDACTED] don't talk about it. (drink it.)

## VINEYARD NOTES

Created from a blend composed of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Malbec grown in Sonoma County, Vendetta is an alluring full-bodied red wine that offers dark fruit, intriguing mineral qualities, and a textured palate. This vintage offers an exciting contrast to last year's wine because we sourced fruit from a warm region rather than a cool climate. The dimension and aromatic profile of the varietals used in this year's blend is striking. The wine presents the perfect marriage of ripe black fruits mixed with warm earthy notes.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2015 marked the fourth consecutive season of exceptional fruit quality in California and one in which there was another early harvest. Warm spring conditions prompted early bud break and lack of rain coupled with steady temperatures throughout the summer months contributed to lower yields, good tannin development, flavor complexity, and richness. Our varietal selections were cold soaked after harvest for a deeper extraction and then fermented separately in barrels.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2015 Vendetta opens with a fragrance of wild berries, forest briar, pink peppercorn, leather, and warm toasted oak. As the wine evolves, it presents nuances of black cherries, blueberries, and currants along with floral scents, sweet allspice character, and a touch of mocha. This wine is beautifully balanced with a lot of flavor complexity and just enough tannin to provide a framework for the fruit. Its long, lush finish underscores the vintage's impressive character.

## WINEMAKING ANALYSIS

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County  
Blend: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Syrah, 13% Malbec,  
6% Zinfandel, 5% Cabernet Franc  
Alcohol: 13.8% pH: 3.62 Total acid: .60g/100ml  
Barrel Regimen: 13 months French oak

